Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application. Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing any marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

1-23. (cancelled)

24. (previously presented) One or more computer-readable storage media having executable instructions stored there on that, when executed, implement a method comprising:

providing a user interface and a plurality of computing device features to a user, the user interface for displaying windows for different applications;

detecting when an anxiety level of the user has increased; and

simplifying the plurality of features provided to the user in response to the increased level of user anxiety, the simplifying comprising removing one or more user interface configuration options that is settable by the user to configure behavior of the user interface, the one or more user interface configuration options comprising user interface components that can be manipulated to set options affecting behavior of the user interface, the removing comprising causing the one or more user interface configuration options to not be settable, among other user interface configuration options, by the user.

25. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein simplifying the plurality of features occurs automatically.

26.   (previously presented) The computer–readable medium of claim 24, further comprising determining whether the user wants the plurality of features to be simplified.

27–31. (cancelled)

32.   (previously presented) The computer–readable medium of claim 24, wherein the anxiety level is detected via a galvanic skin response strip.

33–44. (cancelled)

45.   (previously presented) One or more computer–readable media according to claim 24, wherein the detecting is performed with galvanic skin response.

46.   (previously presented) One or more computer–readable media according to claim 24, wherein simplifying further comprises displaying a hint, wizard, or help assistant.

47.   (cancelled)

48.   (new)   One or more computer–readable media storing information to enable a computer to perform a process, the process comprising:

        storing a database of user preferences/settings;

        monitoring an environmental state of the computer, the environmental state comprising information indicating levels of ambient light and sound received by the computer from its local

environment, the environmental state further comprising information about peripheral devices attached to the computer, the environmental state further comprising inferences about a user's input or output needs derived from detecting patterns of use of an input device of the computer;

responsive to detected changes of the monitored environmental state, displaying user interface components configured to allow a user to indicate respective preferences/settings corresponding to respective detected changes of the monitored environmental state, and storing the indicated preferences/settings in the database of user preferences/settings;

providing the stored user preferences/settings to arbitrary applications outputting audio and/or graphical data, the applications adapting how they render the audio and/or video data in accordance with the stored user preferences/settings; and

providing the stored user preferences/settings to arbitrary applications receiving input from the user, the applications adapting how they receive or interpret user input according to the stored user preferences/settings.